

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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SUBJECT: Map information on Africa obtained by Dr. Malcom Robinson,
Quartermaster Intelligence Agency.

PLACE: Quartermaster Intelligence Agency, Tempo "B".

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25X1C4a 1. Dr. Robinson was contacted at the request of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to seek information on maps and mapping
obtained by Robinson in Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa and other
areas.

2. Dr. Robinson's trip to Africa was made for the purpose of area
familiarization, emphasizing matters pertaining to Quartermaster in-
telligence. While Robinson obtained many maps, map collection was not
one of the purposes of his trip. Maps were collected incidental to
other work and all maps were purchased with personal funds.

3. The primary type of maps collected by Robinson were city plans
with guide books, most of which were tourist type. Other maps obtained
were road maps published by oil companies and government agencies. Only
a small amount of material was published in Africa.

4. As Robinson is acting chief of two area divisions in QMIA, viz.
USSR and Africa, he is very busy. He will submit a detailed trip report
at a later date. Geographic Research Area analysts had already con-
tacted him to request copies of his report. It was suggested to
Robinson that he include all possible information on mapping that he
obtained during his trip in his report.

25X1C4a 5. With regard to maps and map information obtained in Brazzaville,
Robinson was unable to contribute detailed information such as would be
included in a [REDACTED] report. A military guide supplied by
the French Army conducted Robinson's tour in Brazzaville. A visit was
made to the Service Geographique but Robinson was unable to remember
the names and positions of persons seen. Robinson does not remember
any discussions held on the subject of relations between ION and local
agencies. Of the maps obtained from the Service Geographique, Robinson

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was unable to determine which were published by IGN and which were published locally, with one exception: "Carte des Voies de Communications du Moyen Congo-Gabon," 1:5,000,000, 12-56. This map was published locally for Army use, and is for official use only. Robinson saw a stack of these maps in an office of the Service Geographique and expressed his desire to purchase a copy. He was told that the maps were not for sale, however, one of the officials gave him one copy.

6. Listed below are maps obtained at the Service Geographique in Brazzaville. All maps bore the IGN publishers line.

a. Brazzaville et ses Environs, 1:20,000, two sheets.
Dessiné par IGN, Publiée par de l'A.E.F. et du Cameroun en 1957.
Price 440 CFA.

b. Plan de Brazzaville, 1:10,000, 220 CFA.

c. A.E.F. Organisation Administrative Territoriale. Reprinted 7/57, in black and white, 1:5,000,000.

d. A.E.F. et Cameroun Type K, 1:5,000,000, reprinted 1/57.

e. Carte des Voies de Communications du Moyen Congo-Gabon, 1:5,000,000, 12/56. (Published locally for Army use)

f. A.E.F. Esquisse Ethnique Generale, 1:5,000,000, 5/57.
Price 400 CFA.

g. A.E.F. Carte Economique, 1:5,000,000, 1956. Set of two sheets. Price 350 CFA.

h. Maps not seen but available in Brazzaville - administrative maps of individual territories at 30 CFA each.

7. Maps from other sources in Brazzaville:

a. A.E.F. et Cameroun - Routes et Itinéraires. Mobil Oil A.E.F.

b. No maps were obtained from the Institut d'Etudes Centrafricains.

8. A partial listing of maps obtained by Dr. Robinson in other African areas is given below for Map Library area desk information. Maps recognized as being readily available from European publishers and government agencies have not been listed.

a. Morocco

Maroc- Voies de Communications, 1955. ION annexe du Maroc.

b. Gold Coast (Ghana)

School Atlas of the Gold Coast. Printed and published by the Survey Department, Accra, 1952.

c. Nigeria

(1) Map of Nigeria showing railroads and principal commodities, 1:3,000,000. Drawn and reproduced by the Survey Department, Nigeria, 1956.

(2) Road Map of Nigeria, 1:1,750,000. Federal Survey Department, Lagos, 1955.

(3) Atlas of Nigeria. This is composed of 19 special-subject maps at scale 1:3,000,000 with a cover sheet. Sheet 1 - general, sheet 2 - boundaries, sheet 3 - vegetation, sheet 4 - languages ----- sheet 19 - outline map. Survey Department, Lagos, 1952.

d. Belgian Congo

Maps from the Institut Geographique du Congo Belge publication, "Repertoire au 1^{er} Janvier 1957":

(1) Carte des Regions Photographies a la date du 31-3-57, 1:8,000,000.

(2) Carte des Regions Photographies a la date du 31-12-56.

Other maps:

(1) Carte Routiere Officielle de la Province du Kasai, 1:1,000,000, provisional edition 1956. Institut Geographique du Congo Belge.

(2) Carte Routiere Officielle de la Province du Leopoldville, 1:1,000,000, provisional edition 1956, Institut Geographique du Congo Belge.

(3) Plan of Stanleyville and Index. No scale, no date. Editeur-Annales Lesigne S.A. 27 Rue de la Charite, Bruxelles IV.

(4) Plan of Leopoldville et Environs avec Guide Index. Plan is 1:15,500, no date, second edition. Published by Institut Cartographique, P. Mantnicks, Bruxelles.

e. Dar-es-Salaam

City Plan of Dar-es-Salaam, about 12x12 inches, no scale. Black and white. Compiled and drawn by the Department of Lands and Surveys, Dar-es-Salaam, revised 1956.

f. Kenya

(1) Nairobi City Plan. Standard Vacuum (East Africa) Ltd. P.O. Box 1222, Nairobi, Kenya Colony.

(2) City Plan of Nairobi, 1:25,000. 1948 - Revised 1952, reprinted 8/55. Survey Department, Nairobi.

g. East Africa

(1) Standard Vacuum Road Map of East Africa. Purchased from Royal East African Automobile Association, P. O. Box 87, Nairobi, Kenya Colony.

(2) Standard Vacuum Road Map of Uganda, Kenya and Tanganyika.

(3) Road Map of East Africa. Shell Oil Company, Ltd.

h. Sudan

Complete Guide to Khartoum with city plan at scale 1:7,500. Sudan Publishing Company Ltd., Khartoum. City plan by the Sudan Survey, 1952.

i. Ethiopia

Road Map of Addis Ababa. A. Anderson Bell, City Planning Commission, Sept 1955 (seen but not obtained).

j. Dakar

City Plan of Dakar, 1:20,000, 1955. Service Geographique 1^{re} A.O.F. (Seen in Dakar by Robinson but not obtained.)

9. The maps obtained by Dr. Robinson will probably be filed in an Army depository. No definite decision will be made on the disposition of the maps until he finishes his trip report. Any of the maps probably can be obtained on a short-term loan.

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